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THE STORY FROM KING

To the Editor of Nor' by East

In light of all the comments, some of them informed, and some otherwise, that have been swirling about our company's plans for the Naval Fuel Farm at Long Island, Casco Bay, we appreciate this opportunity to set forth our views.

First and foremost, The King Company will not do anything that will in any way mar the beauty nor the ecology of Casco Bay. To be realistic, the properties that we bought from the Navy were running down at a rapid rate. I think that anyone who wants to take a look will find a marked improvement in the appearance of our properties after only six weeks of operation.

As to what we are doing, and plan, oil tankers have been off loading or transshipping in Portland Harbor and Casco Bay for many years. There have been spills in times past, but they're becoming less frequent, as governmental agencies have taken on responsibility with teeth. One factor within our proposed plan that you really should be aware of is that our facilities are designed for "super-tankers" that are two or three times larger than the vessels that are presently sailing these waters. Simple long division points out a lessening of an accident probability. There will be far less vessels using the channel and yet delivering the same amount. As another note of interest, the first of these 170,000 and up D. W. T. tankers was launched in late 1966. There are 26 of them now afloat. There are 92 on order scheduled for launch between now and 1972. Therefore, these super-tankers are the latest and most modern vessels in the world today. They are self-contained as to sloporage. Their skippers and crews are the pick of the world's merchant marine. Lastly, the petroleum industry does not make money putting oil on water.

As to our facilities, we will build additional tankage on Long Island as we develop customer relations. We are willing and plan within the fire regulations of the City of Portland to screen these off with existing trees, to have seeded and mowed fire abutments, and paint the new tanks a suitable soft green. Any of our tie lines from our pier will be trenched and buried beneath 7 feet of the bottom of the channel. There are two very good reasons for this: (1) protection of the waters of the channel, and (2) protec-

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OUR STAND

As new publishers of "Nor' by East", it is perhaps our wisest course not to adopt a firm editorial policy on any given issue. Instead, we would like to probe for opinions and publish the letters and articles of Casco Bay Islanders on any matters they would like to bring forth.

We have entered the Casco Bay picture at a most controversial time. Thankfully, rational thinking appears to take precedence over quick emotion among Casco Bay Islanders. Our written and verbal correspondence from the Casco Bay Island Development Association and those others interested has been well thought out and clarion clear.

In short, interest runs at an all time high in this region now. The number of those concerned who attended a Long Island meeting on a blustering snowy day this spring is but one indication. We think the Rand Plan is important. We think it is important that some less civic minded company did not buy up quantities of Long Island.

The time is now here when property owners and summer visitors must know which land is available due to overdue taxes. We would like to publish such lists if it is the wish of the islanders. It is our thought that Mr. Rand's proposed attorney could furnish us with those lists. If not, a representative from each island.

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Turnabouts at Trefethen Landing, Peaks

photo by Dr. John W. Chapman, III

PROFESSOR HACKETT SPEAKS

To the Editor of Nor' by East

I have two areas of concern regarding the King Resources plan for our Casco Bay.

The first is pollution. The environmental hazards of the oil industry are of an extreme type. This could be negated, but every citizen must be aware that we must overcome the following:

(1) The lack of general public knowledge and concern for oil associated pollution.

(2) The dedication of state government to industry regardless of the pollution potential.

(3) The token pollution abatement attitude exhibited by industries such as King Resources. (I found Mr. MacNamara to be intelligent and articulate, but unfortunately his discussions appeared to be directed only toward placation of the less informed).

(4) The lack of adequate and enforceable antipollution measures in our state.

At the present time there four areas are too great for the average citizens committee to modify a change.

Thus, in the area of pollution danger I must remain totally opposed to the business of crude oil on our coast of Maine at least for the present time.

My second area of concern is the loss of tourist and residential potential in the bay area. We must face the following:

(1) King Resources will offer no plans beyond ten years, thus, we must hold in obedience all recreational and residential projects pending the outcome of this single business venture. I am convinced that either the King plan will fail entirely or within 20 years the greater Portland area will be another Bayonne, New Jersey. Frankly, I cannot envision a stable intermediate stage in which recreation and tourism thrive next to the business of crude oil. We must beware this lack of plan for the future. It would not be wise to make long term recreational and tourist oriented investments in the Bay area.

(2) The city of Portland has offered no plan of procedure. It would appear that no thought, of which the public is aware, has been given to the economic disruption of redirecting the entire bay community toward heavy industry. The island associations themselves must plan carefully for the future sale of properties to industry at the highest possible price.

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SURVIVAL MEANS CONSERVATION

by Robert F. Skillings

"Can mankind survive?" That is one of the bombshell questions being bandied about. Perhaps it is corollary to that other bombshell as to whether God still exists. The accepted answer to the survival question is: "Yes, probably—if man learns how to make right uses of his environment".

And there's the rub—making right uses.

There has been controversy, ranging from mild to rabid, over the policy which should prevail in the development of Casco Bay's islands. Central Maine Power Company has long maintained a plant on Cousin's Island. King Resources proposes to install a big oil tank enterprise on Long Island. Involved is the amendment of zoning ordinances. If ordinances are framed so as to attract industries, could our islands become peppered with industrial enterprises like, for instance, the islands contiguous to Germany's busy port of Hamburg?

While discussions of Long Island's proposed crude oil tank farm were in process, came an AP dispatch from England with news that an oil slick, source unknown, had hit 30 miles of Cumberland coast of Northwest England, fouling beaches and killing thousands of birds.

How misuse of environment has unexpectedly adverse effect on wildlife is demonstrated by the decreasing number of our national bird, the Bald Eagle. The DDT absorbed by small animals in the eagle's food line has affected the fertility of the bird's eggs.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association, recently affiliated with the National Resource Council of Maine, has been sending delegates to the monthly meetings of the board at Augusta. The press media have been taking special note of the handling by the 104th Legislature of the several bills pertaining to environmental protection sponsored by this Council.

Maine's Senator Edmund S. Muskie has been enhancing his political stature by his studious work as chairman of the Senate's Air and Water Pollution subcommittee. His staff is preparing a report on the environmental impact of pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides. He is also studying emission controls on motor vehicles. Peter N. Kyros, Congressman from Maine's First District, has proposed House legislation for a Committee on the Environment, which would complement Senator Muskie's committee.

Conservationists heard with interest a pronouncement early this year by Commissioner James K. Keefe, of Maine's

Department of Economic Development, that the department's present policy was "Development through Conservation".

He said "The ultimate survival of man depends in large part upon the survival of his environment. To date, concern for the preservation of that environment has been lacking in man's attempt to achieve 'the good life'."

Cautious hope was expressed that the aims of development and of conservation may be harmonized by the department.

National Wildlife magazine, in reporting the annual spring meeting in Washington of the National Wildlife Federation, stated that the point most emphasized by the speakers was that "Conservation is today's struggle to redefine our environmental goals—and mobilize action to achieve them".

Some speeches of startling import were made at this meeting. Senator Henry M. Jackson is quoted as saying: "The United States has paid a price for its prosperity—in the form of sluggish, rubbish-laden rivers, air which is fouled with smoke and poisoned by chemicals, extinct species of wildlife, haphazard growth of urban areas and transportation systems. We may find ourselves confronted, even in this generation, with an environmental catastrophe that could render our wealth meaningless."

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A SUMMER "HAPPENING"

The Casco Bay Island Development Association will hold a Summer Bazaar on June 21 at the Randall-MacVane Post American Legion Hall from 11 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Glenn Haines is chairman and Mrs. Emmy Foye will have charge of the food table. Snacks such as hot dogs and soft drinks will be served with Abner Haskell and Albert Temple. A large committee will assist Mrs. Haines in soliciting salable items and staffing the various tables.

There will be bargains, food and plenty of sociability. A good beginning for this first day of summer.

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CUSHING ISLAND DROPS
THREAT OF SECESSION

A new city contribution to Cushing Island for police protection has eliminated the first threat of secession in Portland.

Part of Portland, the private island never got any city services until the city agreed a few years ago to pay \$500 a year to remove rubbish from the island during the summer. Some two dozen summer residents pay the city about \$8,000 a year in taxes.

Pleas last year by residents for \$4,250 from the city for island improvements were turned down. So this year, the Cushing Island Association submitted a bill to the legislature seeking permission to form an autonomous village corporation. One provision of the bill is that the city return 80 per cent of the taxes from the island for use as the association sees fit.

However, when the City Council's finance committee agreed last week to pay \$75 a month to the association for police protection, the association asked that the bill be withdrawn, said Sidney W. Thaxter.

Thaxter, a Cape Elizabeth town councilor, is a former member of the Portland council. He hinted during the finance committee meeting that the village corporation bill could be trotted out bi-annually if island residents don't get more help from the city in the future.

"If the council thumbs their noses at us, we might just give it (bill) the old college try," he remarked.

The \$75 a month, starting in June, would be used to offset the salary of a year 'round caretaker, whose presence stops the kind of vandalism that has ruined houses on other private islands. The city also pays \$75 a month to a special policeman on Cliff Island.

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John J. McNamara, Jr., and attorney Robert D. Schwarz at Long Island.



Alfred H. Bergman, Cambridge, Mass., speaks at the Long Island meeting.

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tion of our rather valuable pipes. Also, for those who have a technical bent, these pipe plates are continuously welded, X-rayed, and pressure-tested and then coated with both bitumastic and concrete.

There are other protective factors within the King plans. Our proposed pier has a second level drip-pan to catch any deck level accidents. We plan to have a boom barrier close at hand and ready to contain any accidental spills. We are also investigating the effectiveness of an air bubble system around our facility. The problem with this bubble system is the height of the "Chop" in the Hussey. We are also bringing in other safety factors, such as rehabilitating the water mains and hydrants on the base and putting the latest fire-fighting equipment onto the island. I sincerely think, that as a responsible company, we are taking every conceivable precaution to insure that we become good neighbors in Casco Bay.

One of the easiest words in the world to say is "no". There will be people who will say this of our plans simply because they involve a change or simply because it is too much trouble to study what we are doing. I wonder if these people also consider the economic factors for the people who live on those islands the year round—the people who work on our property, the sub-contractors who work there, the many individuals, tradesmen and storekeepers who furnish us services. They have families that eat—they have children who must be schooled and clothed. They have wants and rights to the nicer things of life as do we all, if we earn them. For these people, an industry that brings prosperity and activity to the island serves a very real need. I'm not promising that our company will bring along a welfare state for all islanders. We will not. Our people can expect to work hard and be paid well.

It's all very well and good for visitors to enjoy the "untouched islands" and "the quaint island folk". But, how do these "quaint islanders" get through an island winter in Maine? They have to work hard, and the availability of jobs is slim. As to the "untouched islands" and the winds stirring the beautiful pines, let's look under those trees at the rusting wrecks, and let's look hard at some of these windowless, unpainted cottages of the island. I am not saying that an oil tank is the prettiest of all alternatives, nor am I saying that a super-tanker is as graceful as a clipper ship, but then, we don't live in the era of clipper ships and the super-tanker activity of the Hussey brings the potential of economic benefit to those who live there, here and now.

King Resources Company cannot cure all the ills of the islands, but I will say this in behalf of our company—if the people of the islands will maintain their properties and give as much consideration to the needs of their neighbors as will the King Company, then there will be a new lustre brought to the "jewels of Casco Bay".

Sincerely yours,
KING RESOURCES
John J. McNamara, Jr.
Manager

Dr. Hackett (cont. from page 1)

If King Resources succeeds, this will be a necessity.

Both King Resources and the city are playing a wait and see game for which the public does not have a full account. Thus, in the second area of concern I am totally opposed to the King Resources plan for our Bay.

H. E. Hackett, Ph.d.
Assistant Professor of
Natural Sciences
Bates College

Our Stand (cont. from page 1)

Cliff Islanders have now protected their property, and a large portion of Peaks has been saved for posterity through Project Oceanside by the CBIDA. The future of Casco Bay looks suddenly quite promising—because the people care.

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MASS. SCOUTS TO CLEAN UP

A group of Mansfield, Mass. boy scouts will arrive on Peaks Island the weekend of June 21-22 for a merit badge camp-out. They offered to do any type of clean up work on any island project specified by the CBIDA—in itself a most meritorious idea.

All was not so simple, however, and a certain amount of red tape had to be unsnarled before anyone could say "Welcome and Thank You".

A camping permit was issued by the Portland Fire Department.

The plumbing inspector promised to okay the sanitary arrangements if they are of the "usual Boy Scout standard of latrines".

The Park Department said it would lay out the area of the recently acquired City Parkland for a work project and would provide one staff member to be on the site throughout the weekend.

The CBIDA promised to have a representative sign the scouts' merit badges.

Perhaps the Boy Scouts should come up with a new type of badge, "permit getting".

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NEWS FROM PEAKS

By Elsa Fellows

As one strolls along the Shores of Peaks Island, they are reminded of Longfellow's "Beautiful City by the Sea." Next, the thought of what could happen to the rugged rock-bound coast? It is rather a frightening thought and it is the duty of every citizen of our great land to keep it clean and inviting and make it a true vacationland.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association is always on the alert in contacting newcomers to lend their thoughts and talent to make the Islands more attractive and to promote beauty and culture for the residents and guests who choose it for their yearly holidays.

The smallest cottage can be made to look like a dream house with just a few patches of marigolds, coreopsis, calendulas and let us not forget the stately sunflowers beckoning to the song birds for one to enjoy through the starchy curtained windows of their home. There are so many things one can do and when we see so many things of beauty around us, no matter how small, one has to know that "God's in His Heaven and all has to be right with the World," but, we can make it a better one. Remember, "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever."



"The Stone Wall", Peaks Island

ONE MAN SHOW FOR JAMES CHARLES WRIGHT

An exhibition of tempera and water-color paintings by James Charles Wright at the Frame House Gallery in Louisville, Ky., April 27 through May 15 won more acclaim for the Peaks Island summer resident.

"Landscapes that scan like disciplined poetry, yet remain 'free verse'", one review reported. "These probings of the Maine coast have a feathery fragility that is built on geological strength." "One is always conscious of tough soil and rock under the fronds and tide creeks."

Wright says of his work, "These paintings are the results of looking at nature to find out why I, as a human being, seek the woods and the sea for peace of mind and self-discovery. Out there I begin to understand some of the things that are important to the human condition. These paintings 'look' like what is 'out there', but they are merely shadows. They are the echoes of what is meaningful to me. They let me seek out what it's all about."

A Maine native, Wright teaches art at the University of Louisville.



James Charles Wright

EDITOR ON TV WITH STAR NEWSCASTER

Mrs. John B. Chapman, Information Officer for the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, and former editor of "Nor' by East", appeared on several spots on Channel Six Television with famed NBC newscaster from the United Nations, Pauline Frederick. Mrs. Chapman has been elected president of the Association of Maine Press and Radio-TV Women. She was one of a group of six women who interviewed Miss Frederick in Lewiston where Miss Frederick received an honorary degree at Bates College.

"She was very much interested in our Project Oceanside and our annual visit from the Foreign Press", Mrs. Chapman said. Other panelists on the "Meet the Press" interview were Jean Murray Fallon, WSSH-TV, Augusta; Mildred Cole of Arco, Lewiston; Dee Fearon, Bangor Daily News; Mildred Stewart, Times-Record, Brunswick, and Janet Chabot, WSSH-TV, Rockland.



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HIDDEN TALENTS UNCOVERED BY ISLAND LIVING

Many new islanders, adjusting to life surrounded by incredible beauty, discover unknown talents within themselves. Some find expression in painting, while others find outlet in poetry and writing.

Ruth Sargent, living on Peaks Island the past fifteen years, is one example. Although she lived in many large cities and traveled from coast to coast, she feels she has learned more about nature and its wonders in her present location than anywhere else. Watching Portland harbor with its variety of ship traffic, plus nightly sunsets, and views of other islands from her windows, sparked an interest in colored slides and photography. This led to newspaper work and writing. Now her first book is out.

Needless to say, it was written with a salty pen and deals with coastal Maine life. The true story of a lighthouse keeper's daughter on Matinicus Rock a century ago, it relates the perils she encountered when forced to tend the towers alone during storms of extreme severity and duration. The book is a collaboration with a pen pal of Ruth's—Dorothy Holder Jones of Falls Church, Virginia—who has five other books to her credit. The two women, who had never met, exchanged letters, photographic material, and other research gems through the mail for eighteen months before the manuscript was completed and ready for the publisher, Funk & Wagnalls.

Then Dorothy and her family came to Peaks Island for a week's visit to meet Ruth and see Maine life for themselves. The book titled, "ABBIE BURGESS: Lighthouse Heroine" has just come out and autographed copies may be purchased direct from the author or in the local book stores.

WATER SKIING REGULATIONS

Persons who water ski should be acquainted with the new safety regulations concerning this sport on the Maine waters. These regulations were adopted by the Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety:

1. An observer, at least 12 years of age, must be in the towing boat, in addition to the operator, so as to continually observe the progress of the skier.
2. Water skiing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. The skier must wear a flotation device on his person, such as a life vest, jacket, or ski belt at all times while being towed on the water.
4. Water skiing is prohibited within 200 feet of the shoreline on inland fresh water

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FERRY DEADLINE JULY 1

The proposed Portland terminal for the Lion Ferry to Nova Scotia still lacks \$500,000 which must be raised by a "public or semi-public" organization by July 1, according to Joseph C. Jordan, chairman of the Greater Portland Waterfront Task Force Committee.

"Our problem is that the terminal itself is not income producing, but we are certain that the land around it with motel and shopping space would be", Jordan said. "We are looking to the Greater Portland Building Fund, the Portland Public Development Commission or to the City of Portland itself to raise the needed funds."

Jordan has already backed a tremendous drive which raised \$1,000,000 from 100 of Portland's leading business firms as a guarantee of the ferry's success. The Canadian government supported Nova Scotia in its bid for the new business, but the Maine Legislature turned thumbs down on a bill submitted by Sen. Richard N. Berry, R, of Cape Elizabeth to provide the amount needed by the Portland terminal.

The ferry run is scheduled to begin in June of 1970, but the assurance of adequate terminal facilities must be guaranteed by July 1. The Swedish built ferry is once again of interest to Gloucester, Mass., and Portland stands to lose an integral portion of their waterfront development program if the funds are not available in a very short time.

CLIFF ISLANDERS BUY LAND

The newly formed corporation, Land Associates of Cliff Island, purchased the remaining 25 acres of the McKen property from Mrs. Mary Ellen McKen Herman. All monies having been donated by some 36 subscribers.

In announcing the success of the campaign to raise money to purchase the property, Mr. Brackett commented on the recent sale of the Navy Depot on Long Island to King Resources and the plans of that company to develop a huge oil tank farm. He pointed out that the future use of a sizable area of Cliff Island will be determined by local people, not by a single individual.

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Spring on Peaks Island. Debby Spaulding and Philip Laughlin pur sea glass windowns on their sand castles
Ruth Sargent photo

THE RAND PLAN

A three-point oil safety plan devised by CBIDA President Theodore R. Rand has attracted many favorable comments from all of the islanders heard from to date as well as the Portland newspapers who gave the plan six column wide front page coverage.

An example of precise "no nonsense" thinking, the plan Rand submitted to the Association as "merely a proposal" was met with instant approval by the board of directors. "Nobody else has come up with anything concrete", he said.

The three points are:

1. Detection and investigation of oil spillage by a police and oil patrol vessel and crew operating nearly full time.

2. Determination of the source of the spillage by laboratory analysis using a spectrophotometer and a laboratory technician. Rand has been told that it's possible to identify the hold the spillage came from using that method.

3. Hiring a lawyer to move quickly once the source of the spillage has been determined to take legal action against the source.

Financing would come from a port fee of one-tenth of a cent per barrel fee on 600 tankers, each bringing in 300,000 barrels of oil, which would amount to about \$180,000 a year.

Shore facilities which receive the product—not the tankers—should accept the final responsibility.

"This would encourage King Resources Co., the Portland Pipe Line Co. or the oil companies with tank farms in South Portland to line up with us to keep the spillage down", Rand explained. He felt that the program could best come under the jurisdiction of the Portland Harbor commissioners. "That patrol boat could double as a police boat such as we once had", he said. "That's needed because of the increased number of boats in the harbor. The harbor master should be able to get on the patrol boat when he wants to."

Rand expressed particular concern for the "little guy" who finds it practically impossible to collect for damages due to oil spillage. He said that Portland had a relatively clean harbor now, but if Portland should be the number one oil port in the world in the future, the oil pollution chances would be greatly increased.

There have been 51 spillages in the harbor since the end of 1966. However, only one fine and no private damages were assessed. Rand also claimed that the proposed legislation of Senator Muskie would not protect the ordinary citizen. He said the present Coast Guard program on such spillage control should be supplemented by a program of public education so users of the harbor would know whom to call when they sighted oil spills.

WELCOME BACK HELEN

It's nice to know that Helen Haines is becoming active again in Casco Bay Island Development affairs again as she is a real pro at making money for the benefit of CBIDA. Mr. Haines is a member of the Steering Committee. May this writer add that we hope Helen will renew her annual coffees to raise money for The Sunshine Club as they do so much fine work.

This group packs "Goodie Boxes" for the shut-ins and those who are ill. Helen can be seen delivering boxes on the rainiest and adverse weather conditions just to take a little cheer to these people at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. She is always accompanied by one or two members who help her.

Good luck "Helga", be sure and make some of those famous raspberry squares.

WINS LEGION ORATORY TITLE

John W. Gulliver, 17, a Deering High School senior and Peaks Island summer resident, was named winner of the district American Legion oratorical competition in Sanford. Gulliver, who represented Cumberland County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gulliver. He was presented with a \$25 cash award.

CBIDA BAZAAR

It's that time again and the Casco Bay Island Development Association loses no time in planning for big and better things to make the summer-time a fun time for it's many members and friends and also the new-comers. Now is the time for all good members to rally round and get in the swing of things. It is also a great time for new residents to join this organization and give their time and talent to a growing thing. There is no Question about it, the Islands are swinging.

First thing we've heard about is a Bazaar on June twenty-first at the American Legion Hall. CBIDA is on the ramp and an S. O. S. signal is out for Help. If you have any attic treasures, call Mrs. Glen E. Haines 766-2082 and she will do the rest. It has been rumored that this may be a real Bonanza as there will be much home cooked food chair-manned by Mrs. Bayard Foye who is affectionately known by Emmy. You may be sure all types of goodies will be on her table.

Marjorie Curtis will be in charge of the "Diamonds are a Girl's best Friend" table and Treasures of all types. A good clean used clothing sale is always a popular place and last but not least, it is hoped that there will be an Art Display and Sale.

Good Luck to all those who have offered their time and hard work to make this a real success.

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POWER SQUADRON PLANS SUMMER SEASON AFLOAT

The Casco Bay Power Squadron has scheduled an active summer season afloat in the wake of a successful winter of sailing class instruction to some 60 boaters.

Cmdr. Donald K. Wood said examinations were given April 29 and the squadron has about 300 members.

The seamanship course enrolled about 20; junior navigator, five; weather, 14; engine maintenance, six, and sail, seven.

June 22, Sunday, 1300 hours, Jewell Island, June 29, Sunday, 1300; July 4-5-6, Chandlers Cove, Great Chebeague, Boothbay Harbor for one day or the week-end visits; July 6, Sunday, 1300, Little Chebeague; small boat rendezvous; July 13, Sunday, 1300, Cliff Island; south end, if northerly wind, north end, if southerly wind; July 18-19-20, district rendezvous, contact Evans Barlow; July 26-27, Quohog Bay, overnite beautiful by day, quiet by nite; Aug. 3, Sunday, 1300, The Goslings with The Coast Guard Auxiliary; Aug. 10, Sunday, 1300, Richmond Island-weather permitting, alternate Cliff Island; Aug. 16-17, Harpswell Harbor, if southerly, Ash Cove if northerly; Aug. 24, Sunday, 1300, Little Whaleboat, alternate Curis Cove; Aug. 30-31, Sept. 1, The Basin, New Meadows River-a long weekend. And Sept. 7, Sunday, 1300, Jewell Island.

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*A friendly neighbor stopping by to pass
the time of day,*

*The plaintive cry of a soaring gull, the
sunsets over the Bay;*

*A woodfire in the evening, the logs
a-crackling, snapping,*

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Sat. 5 July—3 PM—Short race (note time—later, in order not to interfere with Golf Club picnic)

Sat. 12 July—2 PM—2 short races

Sat. 19 July—10 AM—Annual Picnic at Moshier Island with race home at 2 PM—free transportation from Stone Pier

Sat. 26 July &

Sun. 27 July—Casco Interclub Races at South Freeport.

August dates will be announced later. For additional information, contact Mrs. A. G. Layng, Publicity Chm. CIYC, Chebeague Island, Maine 04017.

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Editor, "Nor' by East"

May I use your paper to attempt a rational appraisal for the proposal of King Resources Co. for Long Island?

Although the basic proposal has been explained at a public hearing which was attended by many who were not islanders, it has been carried by all phases of the news media, much of the present discussion is based entirely on misinformation, speculation and rumor.

If we are to approach this rationally, we must stay within the facts, and at the same time, divorce personal emotions.

Phase one of the proposal now in operation calls for the refurbishing of the property and reactivation of the tanks built in World War II. This has provided work for people on the island and for many businesses in Portland, and at the same time is eliminating an increasing eyesore of long standing.

Phase two, the construction of additional tanks, mainly within this same former Navy area, will start when and if the Manhattan and the Northwest passage prove feasible. This would be some time in the late Fall or early Winter and would take approximately two years to complete.

Now, naturally, pollution is of prime concern to the people of Long Island and surrounding communities. The representatives of King Resources Co. have assured everyone that every precaution will be taken known to modern man. Oil is no stranger to our cities or to Casco Bay, as almost daily we see tankers on their way to Cousins Island or others transfer cargo to smaller tankers in the Hussey—which is any sense of the word is a far more dangerous operation, but not one word has ever been heard from those that now claim that this terminal must not be allowed. I cannot help but question their motives as surely as if they were interested as they now claim, they would have acted long before this. How can they deny that the prob-

lems and the dangers have not been in existence for lo these many years? I further can recall no time when the surrounding communities have attempted to force their will upon their neighbors and this from every indication is surely the wish of some. The business is of the city of Portland and if their city officials there are satisfied with the proposal and take all the necessary steps to safeguard in every way possible the safety of all concerned, I see no reason why they should be threatened with injunctions and referendums from their neighbors.

Tragic as it is, many times in the midst of such a controversy the wishes of the people most concerned are lost and go unheard. Not one person from Long Island opposed the rezoning at the recent hearing—nor did any one else for that matter in order to keep the record straight. Pollution was the crux of the entire hearing and the control of this lies under the jurisdiction of the city of Portland. If Long Island is to survive as a year-round community, it must have this terminal and its survival assures other island communities of their continued existence. Therefore, the demise of this project could mean the demise of almost the entire bay region except as a summer retreat. The answer is so simple and that is pollution control. Therefore, if we could all work together for this, we could all in turn be working for the continuation and betterment of every island community in the bay.

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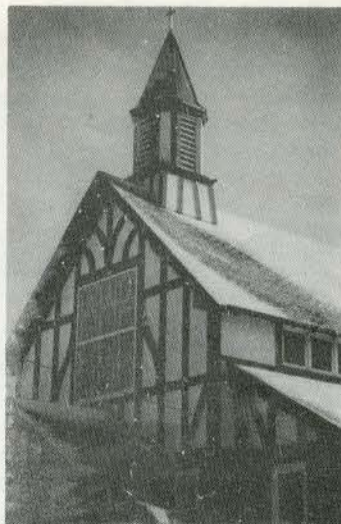


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CLIFF ISLAND NOTES

A 6 lb., 11 oz. baby boy was born to Wendell and Betty (Cushing) Bickford on Sunday May 25.

Daniel and Judy O'Reilly of Portsmouth, N. H. announced the birth of their third daughter Danna Jean on April 14th.

On April 19th, in Justice, Illinois TWIN boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cohen. Mrs. Cohen is the former Ann Francis Cushing and the little boys are named David Andrew and Stephen Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laver Jr. announced the birth of their second son and fourth child Christopher Odgers Laver on Dec. 15, 1958 in Bloomsburg, Pa. Mrs. Laver is the former Eleanor Odgers.

Ann Cushing Cohen was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society of the Univ. of Maine, Orono in early May.

A number of Cliff Islanders will be spending part of this summer in Europe—Bon voyage to Harry and Sally Wellsman, Clay and Norma Morrell.

Mary Ellen Davis who has been in France on a Junior-Year-Abroad program flew home for a three week spring vacation and was joined by her sister Susan, home from California for Easter.

The Odgers have again circumnavigated the globe successfully and look forward to returning to Cliff in June.

"SEAFARER" HEADS 'ROUND THE WORLD

Early last October, the 32-foot ketch, "Seafarer", owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tonks, left her Chebeague Island mooring on the first leg of a leisurely round-the-world cruise. The Tonkses plan to return by air to their Chebeague summer home the first two summers of the cruise.

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CHEBEAGUE GETS OUT THE VOTE

In spite of a bleak winter day, 95 hardy registered voters on the island cast their ballots at the island hall for candidates for town offices. Ed Jenks, who has passed his 90th birthday, refused to let the weather prevent him from exercising his right to vote in March. The annual town meeting on the mainland was attended on March 8th by 34 island residents. This was 25 per cent more than attended last year.

Among their rewards was an appropriation for \$2,800 for a physician's services when and if they become available; \$800 for the construction of a third float for the island; \$300 for the maintenance of the island Library and funds for painting the Chebeague fire house.

CRUISE, SUPPER-DANCE TO OPEN CYC JUNE 14

Centerboard Yacht Club, South Portland, will open its formal season, June 14, with city officials and Coast Guard officers as guests. The program includes a cruise down the bay, a supper prepared by the ladies of the club and a dance.

A lobster and steak barbecue is scheduled at the clubhouse in July; club picnic at Jewell's Island, and a Labor Day weekend cruise to Boothbay Harbor.

Club improvements include enlargement of the parking lot; new steel accommodation ladder to replace wooden structure; installation of a shower stall and a new paint job for the galley.

Race schedule, Hummingbirds and sailing dinghies, Wednesday evenings, starting June 18; Lightnings, open class and handicap races, Saturday afternoons, starting June 21, and State of Maine Lightning Regatta, Aug. 23-24.

Officers are Commodore John L. Hayden; Vice Commodore Richard K. Wahl; Rear Commodore Richard L. Ingalls; Secretary Douglas D. Johnson, and Treasurer Herbert E. Stone.

CBIDA AND THE LEGISLATURE

The Association represented by dedicated members supported four bills before the legislature in Augusta, but each failed to pass. The first, No. 1172 would authorize any person operating a water taxi service between Portland and certain islands to use state wharves. The second, No. 1327 would provide for adjustable ramps at Ponce Landing and Chandlers Cove to permit docking a vehicle ferry regardless of tides.

No. 1179 would provide for a bond issue of \$750,000 for a terminal and parking on the Portland waterfront for Casco Bay Islands. The fourth supported by the Association was a Portland bill seeking terminal funds for the proposed Nova Scotia Lion Ferry.

According to Mrs. John W. Chapman, CBIDA was the only organized group represented at any of the hearings and no other islanders were in attendance.



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June 21—Food sale by the Grange

June 24—Slide Show at Island Hall (sponsored by the Ladies Aid)

June 28—Fried clam supper at Island Hall (benefit of baseball team)

JOHN W. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

New books are being added to the John W. Chapman Memorial Library Service at the Senior Center on Peaks Island, and in the four island schools. On Mr. Chapman's birthday, the schools received the Time of Greatness, book on General Eisenhower. This was presented on April 12 to Cliff Island, Chebeague Island, Long Island and Peaks Island.

The Center has received a set of books entitled Washington Capitol Profile, presented by Mrs. Elwood E. Goff, sister-in-law of Mr. Chapman, in memory of her husband.

An art engraved sign has been commissioned by Mrs. Chapman to properly identify the Library Service. A bookplate for each book bears the reproduction of a painting of Whaleback by Miss Jessie B. Trefethen.

SMALL WORLD

By E. M. Tourangeau

In the first edition of "Aunt Emma's Island Cookbook" I had expressed a wish to obtain the old French Recipe for a pie which my mother made, and which was a happy memory of her "cuisine". This pie she called "Tarte a la Bise". At last, one of my books fell into the hands of a real French Canadian, Mrs. Donald McKenna, who visited me last summer, and recently she sent me the recipe for the real "Tarte a la Bise", sent to her by her sister from the northern part of Quebec. Thinking this recipe might interest others, it follows:

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This pie is at times mentioned as "Tarte a la Pichoune" or "Tarte a la Fourlouche", but both of these pies are made with molasses. This one uses the very expensive ingredient, "MAPLE SUGAR".

Two pounds of grated maple sugar,

Four cups of boiling water,

One tablespoon cornstarch for each cup of water

Butter the size of an egg

Nutmeg to taste—one tea. more or less.

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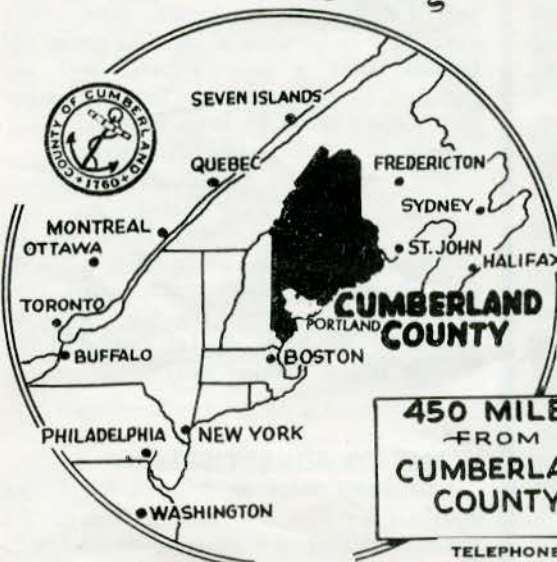
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GREAT DIAMOND PROFILES

By Rhea and Andy Ansorge

Another family unable to resist the charms of this Island are the Wilsons, of Point Pleasant, N. J.

The Reverend Richard Lee Wilson and his wife, Ann, have been coming to Great Diamond for occasional visits since 1958 and in October 1965 purchased the former Schirrappa cottage, on Sunset Avenue and Gorges Street. They have one son, Aubrey, a lively nine-year-old.

Mr. Wilson was born in Clearfield, Pa. In 1948 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for four years, three of them aboard the USS Albany during the Korean war. In 1952, he entered Pennsylvania State University and, on graduation, enrolled in Drew Theological School.

He and Ann (nee Worrell) were married in August 1958 in Chatham, New Brunswick, and in September 1959 he was ordained a Methodist minister; fate intervened here—Mrs. Wilson was in the hospital bringing forth a brand-new baby, Aubrey, on Ordination Day! His first parish was at Toms River, N. J. Presently, he is pastor of the Harvey Memorial Church in Point Pleasant.

Last summer he married Robert Laughlin, Jr. and Carol Heber at Green Lake, Dedham, Maine. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Laughlin, of Great Diamond. The senior Laughlin is well known for his unflagging interest in the affairs of Casco Bay Island Development Association.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Chatham, New Brunswick. Prior to her marriage she served as a Canadian missionary in Japan (1950-1953) and later was religious education director at the Dutch Reformed Church, Oradell, N. J. During the latter period it was our pleasure to have her stay with us in our home in Oradell, so we quite naturally consider her as a second daughter.

Island living, to some persons, does not necessarily mean rest and inactivity; this certainly applies to the Wilsons. "Dick," as he prefers to be called, can either be found re-finishing or re-caning an old chair, banging out a "ragtime" tune on the piano, doing the myriad repairs that go with a summer cottage, or playing a sizzling game of tennis—or coaching son Aubrey in the fine art of the tennis court.

Ann, in addition to her regular household chores, is always ready to drop them whenever Aubrey says "Let's go fishing!" For several years now she and Dick have hosted United Nations foreign correspondents during the group's annual visit to Portland; last summer their guests were a family of four from India.

While on the Island for vacation, Mr. Wilson conducts at least one non-denominational Sunday service; and each year he and Ann usually visit Ann's parents in New Brunswick.

An editor is a person who untangles the syntax in your quotation, and then spells your name wrong.

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

We wish to publish a list of dates for events scheduled for July and August to be included in our next issue. Please help us make it complete by sending us any that you know of as soon as possible!

CBIDA SUMMER BAZAAR

Helen Haines is chairman of this year's Casco Bay Island Development Association Summer Bazaar to be held on June 21 at Legion Hall, Peaks Island, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. She has requested contributions of clothes, jewelry, brick-a-brack, "treasures", food and "anything else including furniture". The telephone number to call is 766-2082.

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By Elsa Fellows

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We wish to extend our warmest wishes to Mr. Lea and his Staff and trust that he will have long and continued success with Nor' by East.

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IN SPAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lunt Goldsmith of Boynton Beach, Florida, are spending three weeks in Spain before returning to "Three Chimneys", their Peaks Island summer home, in June.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND CLUB NEWS

Golf and sailing enthusiasts on Chebeague will have a busy summer of events being planned by the Great Chebeague Golf Club (nearly 50 years old, with 9 sporty holes and a small clubhouse), and the Chebeague Island Yacht Club (CIYC—4 years old, no clubhouse as yet, but many members and boats).

Mr. David Buxbaum, President of the Golf Club announces the start of the 1969 season with the opening "Swatfest" and Picnic Lunch on Saturday, July 5th, 9:30 AM. As far as anyone knows, a swatfest is a peculiarity of Chebeague, and amazing to behold, let alone play. All entrants play the same hole at the same time (sometimes over 50 people, ranging in age from 5-85). Played only on the Saturdays of the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, over many years it has become a time to greet old friends after a long winter, and say goodbye at the end of a too-short summer. Other dates to keep in mind:

July 24—Bake Sale (afternoon)
Aug. 6—Silent Auction (afternoon)
Aug. 23—Golf Club Dance

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